130. Needs of the Kottarakara taluk.

Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) represented that it was necessary to take up the work of constructing the sanctioned road from Chirankavu in Ezhukone *pakuthi* to Yenadi, crossing the Putur road. That work stood as No. 4 in the list of works proposed by the conference held at the tenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; but nothing had been done in the matter since then. The road was divided into two sections. The first section had already been opened by the people of the locality, and the Government had only to take it up for maintenance. The second section alone remained to be opened by the department. The road was an important one, and the people were too poor to take up the work.

The second work referred to by the Member was the construction of the road from Kundara to Puyappalli. He also prayed that a road might be opened from Vilangara to the M. C. road.

The Member then said that the Pulaman *thodu*, being on a much lower level than the adjacent fields, was not of much use for irrigation purposes. The Dewan himself had inspected that *thodu*, and the Member requested the Government to take up the work immediatly.

Lastly, the Member prayed for the construction of a building for the local vernacular girls' school. He said that the matter had attracted the attention of the Dewan and even His Highness the Maha Raja. He observed that the present school-house was a veritable black hole and prayed that provision might be made for the work in the next year's budget.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to roads, the matter is being investigated by the Chief Engineer.

In regard to the vernacular school for girls, the matter will be remembered and we will see what can be done.

131. Needs of the Pattanapuram taluk.

Mr. Hajee Ahamad Mohideen Mahomed Rowther (Member, Pattanapuram Taluk) first complained about the long delays in the disposal of *puduval* applications.

He then represented the needs of the Pattanapuram taluk and made the following requests.—

(1) A dispensary should be established near the Lakshmipuram market at Pattanapuram, and the Medical officer, Punalur, asked to afford medical relief on the two market days every week.

(2) Lands to the extent of 500 ft. from the public road inside the Kadakkaman Reserve situated to the east of the 29th mile stone and west of the 31st mile stone in the Kayankulam-Punalur road should be assigned in small plots for cultivation.

(3) Irrigational facilities in the shape of anicuts should be provided so as to bring under paddy cultivation about 1,500 acres of lands in and about Shaliakara.

(4) Irrigation works costing about Rs. 1,000 should be carried out for the 100 acres of paddy lands in Anchal, Tazhamel and other *pakuthies* with a view to save the wet lands from drought.

(5) A bridge should be constructed at Muttattukadavu in Pattanapuram by using the available iron materials of the old Parappar bridge. The Department of Public Works had started some preliminary works for the bridge so far back as 1088 M. E.

(6) The village road from Pattanapuram to Mampazhattura should be made a cartable road.

(7) Roads should be constructed from Avanisvaram to Pattazhi and from Pattazhi to Enattu.

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